

communicating at least a portion of said preestablished data to a location independent from said device, said independent location operable to create on said media a security indicia, said security indicia created in part by information contained in said preestablished media data and whereby said security indicia is validatable at a subsequent time partially under control of data contained in said preestablished media data.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said media is paper, and wherein said device is a general purpose printer.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different function, each such function having associated therewith a security indicia.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein at least one portion of at least one of said sections contains means for allowing at least that section to become disassociated from the other sections.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein said disassociated section contains means for attaching said section to an object.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein said object is luggage and wherein the material printed on said section includes destination information of said luggage corresponding to destination information printed on at least one other section of said media.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein said attaching means includes a sticky surface selectively exposable by a user of said section.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein created source of ones of said security indicia is validated by key information contained in at least a portion of said preestablished data.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein said key information is contained in a machine readable portion of said preestablished data.

10. Stock for creating thereon human perceivable images, said stock having at least one data source unique to said stock;  
wherein said unique data source includes data for communicating to a third party; and  
wherein said stock is adapted to accept human readable display material from a remote location, said display material authenticated under partial control of at least a portion of said unique source data.

11. The stock of claim 10 having separable portions pre-established thereon.

12. The stock of claim 11 wherein different display material is printed on selected ones of said portions.

13. The stock of claim 12 wherein at least one of said portions has adhesive on at least a portion thereof.

14. The stock of claim 13 wherein said adhesive is controllably and selectively exposed.

15. The method of displaying on a medium a control indicia, said control indicia operable at the point of commercial use of said media for validating the authenticity of said commercial transaction; said method comprising the steps of:

communicating unique data from the location of said media to a location remote therefrom, said communication being a part of a commercial transaction such that the media will subsequently become the passport to the actual obtaining of commercial services associated with said commercial transaction; and

communicating data from said remote location to said media location, a certain a portion of said data for human readable display in conjunction with said media and a portion of said data being a coded control indicia, said control indicia based at least in part on said communicated unique information.

16. The method of claim 15 further including the step of decoding the control indicia using a portion of said unique data from said display location thereby validating the human readable portion of said display data.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein said media is a printable medium having said unique data preprinted thereon.

18. A system for creating an indicia of value for use at a point of commercial transaction to allow for authentication by a gatekeeper at such transaction point, such authentication verifying that the indicia, which was printed on printable stock by a non-secure printer is, in fact, authentic, said system comprising:

means for accepting from a user's location data unique to a particular piece of said printable stock;

a data base;

means for comparing said accepted data with data stored in said database to determine if said unique data had been previously accepted; and

means operable under control of said comparing means for providing a set of coded control data for printing on said printable stock, said control data being decodable, in part, under control of key data associated on said printable stock with said unique data.

19. The invention set forth in claim 18 wherein said unique data includes a machine readable portion and a human readable portion.

20. The invention set forth in claim 19 wherein said human readable portion is the unique data accepted by said accepting means.

21. The invention set forth in claim 19 wherein said key data is included within said machine readable portion.

22. The invention set forth in claim 18 wherein said data base is common to a plurality of physically diverse accepting means.

23. The invention set forth in claim 18 wherein at least a portion of said unique data is embedded within the printable stock.

24. The invention set forth in claim 23 wherein said embedded data includes a watermark.

25. The invention set forth in claim 18 further including:  
means for printing on said printable stock information having a commercial value indicative that the bearer of said printed stock is entitled to a particular good or service.

26. The invention set forth in claim 25 wherein said good or service is the passage via public transportation.

27. The invention set forth in claim 25 wherein said good or service is the passage into an event.

28. The invention set forth in claim 18 further including:  
means for printing on said printable stock information having a commercial value indicative that the printed stock is entitled to be treated as commercial paper having the value printed thereon.

29. (Twice Amended) The method of creating at a [purchaser's] particular location a receipt indicative of a prior transaction between [the] a purchaser and a seller of service, said receipt having self proving capability, and said particular location being remote from said seller, said method comprising the steps of:

communicating to said seller data which is unique to the material upon which the receipt is to be generated;

said seller verifying satisfaction with said unique data; and

said seller communicating to said [purchaser display] particular location data for associating with said [display] receipt material, said [display material] last-mentioned data operable at said [purchaser's] particular location for creating said receipt; said seller transmitted [display] data including at least one machine decodable portion, the key to said decodable portion contained within at least a portion of data which is unique to said receipt material.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein said unique data is preassociated with said receipt material.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein said unique data is printed on said receipt material, and contains both a human readable portion and a machine readable portion.

32. (Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein said receipt material is stock printable from a printer located at the [purchaser's] particular location.

33. The method of claim 32 wherein said unique data is established on said printable stock prior to said communication with said seller.

34. The method of claim 33 wherein said stock has multiportions and wherein said method is operable for printing different data on selected portions of said stock.

35. The method of claim 34 wherein at least one of said portions is a luggage ticket and another of said portions is a boarding pass.

36. The method of claim 29 wherein said verifying step includes checking to insure that the unique data is not a duplicate.

37. The method of claim 32 wherein said checking step is local to said seller.

38. The method of claim 32 wherein said checking step is remote to said seller and shared between a plurality of other sellers all having the possibility of communication access with said purchaser from time to time.

39. The method of claim 29 wherein said purchaser may have communication access to a plurality of sellers, each seller having the capability of sending different display data.

40. The method of claim 29 wherein said verifying step includes accessing a data base common to all of said sellers.

41. The method of claim 29 further including the step of:  
transmitting from the seller to a transaction data base data pertaining to the transaction which is the subject of said receipt.

42. The method of claim 29 further including the steps of:  
presenting said receipt to a gatekeeper at a transaction location; and  
said gatekeeper verifying the authenticity of said receipt under control of data which is unique to said receipt.

43. The method of claim 42 wherein said gatekeeper verification step includes the step of:

obtaining said key from said unique data.

44. The method of authenticating data on a transaction receipt, said method comprising the steps of:

presenting said receipt to a gatekeeper; and

said gatekeeper authenticating said receipt by decoding a portion of data contained on said receipt under control of a decode key contained within data unique to said receipt.

45. The method of claim 44 wherein said decode key is machine readable.

46. The method of claim 45 wherein said machine readable key is preprinted on said receipt prior to the printing thereon of said receipt data.

47. The method of claim 44 wherein said authenticating step includes the step of determining if this receipt is expected within the presentation parameters.

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48. (Twice Amended) The system of creating at a [purchaser's] particular location a receipt indicative of a prior transaction between the purchaser and a seller of service, said receipt having self proving capability, said system comprising:

means for communicating to said seller data which is unique to the material upon which the receipt is to be generated;

B3 means associated with said seller for verifying satisfaction with said unique data and for said seller communicating to said [purchaser] particular location display data for associating with said display material, said display material operable at said [purchaser's] particular location for creating said receipt; said seller transmitted display data including at least one machine decodable portion, the key to said decodable portion contained within at least a portion of data which is unique to said receipt material.

49. The system of claim 48 wherein said unique data is preassociated with said receipt material.

50. The system of claim 49 wherein said unique data is printed on said receipt material, and contains both a human readable portion and a machine readable portion.

34 51. (Amended) The system of claim 49 wherein said receipt material is stock printable from a printer located at the [purchaser's] particular location.

52. The system of claim 48 wherein said unique data is established on said printable stock prior to said communication with said seller.

53. The system of claim 48 wherein said verifying means includes means for checking to insure that the unique data is not a duplicate.

54. The system of claim 53 wherein said checking means is local to said seller.

55. The system of claim 53 wherein said checking means is remote to said seller and shared between a plurality of other sellers all having the possibility of communication access with said purchaser from time to time.

56. The system of claim 48 wherein said purchaser may have communication access to a plurality of sellers, each seller having the capability of sending different display data.

57. The system of claim 48 wherein said verifying means includes means for accessing a data base common to all of said sellers.



58. The system of claim 48 further including:  
means for transmitting from the seller to a transaction data base data pertaining to the transaction which is the subject of said receipt.

59. The system of claim 48 further including:  
presenting said receipt to a gatekeeper at a transaction location; said gatekeeper enabling means for verifying the authenticity of said receipt under control of data which is unique to said receipt.

60. The system of claim 59 wherein said last-mentioned verifying means includes obtaining said key from said unique data.

61. The system of authenticating data on a transaction receipt, said system comprising  
means for presenting said receipt to a gatekeeper; and  
means under control of said gatekeeper for authenticating said receipt by decoding a portion of data contained on said receipt under control of a decode key contained within data unique to said receipt.

62. The system of claim 61 wherein said decode key is machine readable.

63. The system of claim 61 wherein said machine readable key is preprinted on said receipt prior to the printing thereon of said receipt data.

64. The system of claim 61 wherein said authenticating means includes:  
means for determining if this receipt is expected within the presentation parameters.

65. A system for establishing the validity of a display, said system comprising:  
a device for creating said display on media containing preestablished data which is unique to said media; and  
communicating at least a portion of said preestablished data to a location independent from said creation device, said independent location operable to create on said media in conjunction with said creation device a security indicia, as part of a human readable display, said security indicia created in part by information contained in said preestablished media data and whereby said security indicia is validatable at a subsequent time partially under control of data contained in said preestablished media data.
66. The system of claim 65 wherein said media is paper, and wherein said device is a nonsecure printer.
67. The system of claim 66 wherein said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different display, each such display having associated therewith a security indicia.
68. The system of claim 67 wherein each said display is generated from the same preestablished data.
69. The system of claim 68 wherein the human readable portion of each said display is identical to all the other human readable displays on the media.
70. The system of claim 68 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is different.
71. The system of claim 68 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is the same.

72. The system of claim 67 further including the step of disconnecting each of said sections so that each said section can be used independently from the other said sections.

73. The system of claim 67 wherein the sections control the delivery of mail pieces when said security indicia is created thereon.

74. The system of claim 65 wherein the media is paper and wherein the security indicia includes the monetary amount available to a holder of the media.

75. The system of claim 65 wherein the security indicia includes a human readable portion which contains financial information.

76. The system of claim 75 wherein said financial information includes a check.

77. The method of creating a document having value at a transaction point, said transaction point occurring at a point in time different from the point in time when said document is created, said method comprising the steps of:

on behalf of an anticipated creator of a document on document stock;  
obtaining from said document stock data preestablished on said stock, said data having at least a portion that is unique to said document stock;

determining that said obtained data is valid;  
obtaining certain information to be incorporated into said document during the subsequent creation of said document; and

creating on said document stock a document containing said certain information and also containing other information some of which is authenticatable only by using at least a portion of said preestablished data from said document stock.

78. The method of claim 77 wherein said creating step include the step of printing on said document by a general purpose printer.

79. The method of claim 77 wherein said certain information is obtained from a user.

80. The method of claim 77 wherein said anticipated creator is remote from said document stock.

81. The method of claim 77 wherein said stock is predivided into sections, each section forming an individual document.

82. The method of claim 77 wherein said document stock is used to create checks.

83. The method of claim 82 wherein each said created check contains a payee individual to said check.

84. The method of claim 77 wherein the obtaining steps are interactive between said anticipated creator and a user of said document stock.

85. The system of creating a document having value at a transaction point, said transaction point occurring at a point in time different from the point in time when said document is created, said system comprising of:

means for obtaining from document stock data preestablished on said stock, said data having at least a portion that is unique to said document stock;

means at a location remote from said obtaining means for determining that said obtained data is valid;

means for obtaining from a user certain information to be incorporated into said document during the subsequent creation of said document; and

means for creating on said document stock a document containing said certain information and also containing other information some of which is authenticatable only by using at least a portion of said preestablished data from said document stock.

86. The system of claim 85 wherein said creating means includes the printing on said document by a general purpose printer.

87. The system of claim 85 wherein said certain information is obtained from a user.

88. The system of claim 85 wherein said stock is predivided into sections, each section forming an individual document.

89. The system of claim 85 wherein said document stock is used to create checks.

90. The system of claim 89 wherein each said created check contains a payee individual to said check.

91. The system of claim 89 wherein each said created check contains an amount of said check.

92. The system of claim 85 wherein the obtaining steps are interactive between an anticipated creator and a user of said document stock.

93. Paper stock for use in a general purpose printer, said paper stock having permanently associated therewith at least one set of preestablished data, at least a portion of said data adapted for communication to a printer control source such that said control source is enabled to communicate printer data for establishing printed images on said paper stock, said images validated under partial control of said preestablished data.